

**Claims:**

1. An acoustically active element formed in a multi-layer circuit-board structure (20, 22, 24, 25), which includes

- an internal chamber (21), and
- a membrane (18) or beam arranged acoustically in connection with the internal chamber (21), which acts as a vibrating element and is connected electrically to external circuits, in order to produce or measure an acoustic effect,

**characterized** in that

- the internal chamber (21) is formed inside the multi-layer circuit-board construction (20, 22, 24, 25), in connection with the process of manufacturing the circuit board.

2. An acoustically active element according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that the membrane (18) acting as a vibrating element is stretched on top of an annular element (16) formed in the multi-layer circuit-board structure (20, 22, 24, 25).

3. An acoustically active element according to Claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the membrane (18) acting as a vibrating element is electrically charged.

4. An acoustically active element according to any of the above Claims, **characterized** in that the annular element (18) is formed from copper on the surface of the multi-layer circuit-board structure.

5. A method for forming an acoustically active element in a multi-layer circuit-board structure, in which method the multi-layer circuit-board structure is formed of alternating insulating (25, 24) and conducting layers (22), contacts being formed between the conducting layers (22), and conducting structures being imaged in the conducting layers,

**characterized** in that

- an acoustic internal chamber (21) is formed inside the multi-layer circuit-board structure (20, 22, 24, 25),
- the internal chamber is opened (17) if necessary to the surface of the circuit board, and
- a membrane (18) capable of vibrating is formed on top of the internal chamber (21) opened to the surface.

6. A method according to Claim 6, **characterized** in that the internal chamber (21) is opened using the microvia technique.

7. A method according to Claim 5 or 6, **characterized** in that an annular structure (16), on top of which the membrane (18) capable of vibrating is installed, is formed on the surface of the circuit board.

8. A method according to any of the above Claims, **characterized** in that the membrane (18) capable of vibrating is electrically charged.

9. A multi-layer circuit-board structure, which includes

- alternating insulating (25, 24) and conducting layers (22),
- contacts formed between the conducting layers (22), and
- conducting structures forming patterns in the conducting layers,

**characterized** in that the multi-layer circuit-board structure includes

- a built-in acoustic internal chamber (21), and
- a membrane (18) capable of vibrating formed on top of the internal chamber (21).

10. A multi-layer circuit-board structure according to Claim 9, **characterized** in that the membrane (18) acting as a vibrating element is stretched on top of an annular element (16) formed in the multi-layer circuit-board structure (20, 22, 24, 25).
11. A multi-layer circuit-board structure according to Claim 9 or 10, **characterized** in that the membrane (18) capable of vibrating is electrically charged.
12. A multi-layer circuit-board according to any of the above Claims, **characterized** in that an annular element (18) is formed from copper on the surface of the multi-layer circuit-board structure.